ABSTRACT

PLAYBACK OF APPLICATIONS WITH NON-LINEAR TIME

5   A data playback apparatus (14) and method for the operation of the
same, for the handling of a recorded data stream and associated linear
application, are provided. The apparatus includes a data stream playback
stage (19) operable to perform linear real-time and non-linear playback of a
stored data stream from storage (18). An application processing stage (16)
10   runs a linear application from a given start point on commencement of linear
real-time playback of the data stream. To avoid problems where the
application is unsuited to the non-linearity, the application processing stage
(16) stops running of said application and, on recommencing of linear real-time
playback, recommences running of the application from the given start point.

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(Figure 1)